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1. The airfield was located on the western town limits of Gorki (56°14'N, 43°10'E), Gorki Oblast, Moscow MD, immediately north of a main road to the west.
2. Several buildings were located at the northern and eastern edges of the field. Some of these buildings were believed to be hangars and others quartering barracks.
3. Most of the aircraft parked at the airfield in the spring of 1949 were jet-propelled planes. The following type aircraft, some of them in low-level flights, were observed:

a. YAK 15: Single-seat fighter, one jet, air intake aperture at nose compartment, air exit aperture in the form of steps under fuselage (this arrangement was particularly striking when seen from the side), cockpit in line with wings, single rudder assembly, retractable landing gear.*

b. Jet-propelled aircraft of an unknown type (see annex): One turbine in fuselage, circular air inlet in nose compartment, air outlet at tail of aircraft. Slim fuselage, high mid-wing monoplane, wings set at upper third of fuselage. Wings, tapering and considerably swept back, set in about mid-fuselage, wing tips almost in line with rudder assembly. Oval-shaped rudder assembly very high and considerably tapering to the top. Elevator assembly set at upper third of rudder assembly. Considerably long, two or three-man cockpit, set forward of wings. Landing gear set under wings, retractable toward the fuselage, nose wheel retractable to the rear. All-metal construction. The plane flew at a speed of about 500 mph.**

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[REDACTED] Comment: This very factual report, supplied by [REDACTED] aviator, clarifies to a certain degree previous, rather varying information on jet fighter types which were stationed at the Gorki airfield, adjacent to the Aircraft Plant No. 21.

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* The identification [REDACTED] of the described aircraft type as YAK-15 is considered correct.

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** The described aircraft is a swept-back type of the 1948 model which was demonstrated for the first time at the 1948 July Parade. This aircraft is very probably a "Lavochkin" type which, however, is reported to be a two-seat version. This report unfortunately does not state whether this aircraft type is being manufactured in the adjacent plant. According to previous reports on the Gorki airfield and the adjacent aircraft plant, this plane is assumed to be manufactured there.

Attachment: Novel Aircraft Type Observed in Gorki.

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